

# Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

April 2024



Dear Members,

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter and have been able to make the most of the lovely weather (in between the showers) that we have been having. I am sure that you have made the most of it and are now catching up with all the jobs that we have not been able to do until now because of the rain.

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Spring Flower Show

The Spring Show that we held recently was excellent. We had 176 entries from 33 adults & 14 children. We are hoping that now that our membership is growing every week that more members might like to join in and exhibit. The trophy winners were the Millennium cup for the best exhibit in the Tulip classes Patrick Dealtry, the Peggy Findley Memorial Bowl for the best exhibit in the Daffodil classes Steve Holden, the Silver Salver for the best exhibit in the Cookery classes Liesma Mezulis, the Silver Salver for the best exhibit in the Floral Art Classes Janet Warren and the Innes Brown Memorial trophy for the best exhibit in the Cut Flower Classes Keith Perry. Other prize winners included Sue Pitman, Cherry Williams, Brenda Bailey, David Donovan, Ann Cannings, Eva Pendreich, Laurie King, Christine King, Bob Rogers, Annabelle Heath, Graham Coomber, Margaret Jones, Ted Coomber & Mabel Coomber. More photos to be included next month.

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Annual General Meeting – pavilion 10.30

The A.G.M. will once again be held in the pavilion. The doors will open from 10.00, to enable you to renew your subscriptions and enjoy a cup of coffee before the meeting starts at 10.30. The new schedule has even more in it this year, with both the Summer & Autumn shows having 100 classes in each. The Spring Show has grown to have 62 classes. This is a first for us. Never before, in the history that we can find, did we ever offer as many classes as this year. That is not including the children's classes of course.

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. – RHS Wisley.

This trip is free to all members. The coach will leave Maple Parade bus stop at 9.45am and will leave Wisley at 4pm. There are still a few places available. If you would like to join us then please can you let Brenda Bailey know asap. Non-members may be able to join us for £25.00 if there are spaces available.

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Walberton Open Gardens

Plans are moving along well for the Open Gardens event this year. If you can help in anyway we would love to hear from you. The Sussex Snowdrop Trust will be serving refreshments in the Village Hall, St. Mary's Church will be organising the car parking on the playing field. The Gardeners Club are preparing all the paperwork, sorting permissions from the relevant departments, selling plants and serving Pimms by the Village Hall. What we are asking from you is to donate some plants. So if you have too many seedlings, can you please grow them on for us. Or if you are dividing plants and don't need them all, we would like them too. All donations gratefully received.

## St. Mary's Church

I have been asked to put out an appeal to you all as they would to increase the circle of flower arrangers. So if you are interested please can you let me know and I will pass on the relevant information.

## Out & About in April

6 <sup>th</sup> April	Yapton Spring Flower show 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Clapham & Patching Spring Show.
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Concert for Peace, in aid of the Snowdrop Trust, United Reform Church, Littlehampton 7.30pm
Month of April	Arundel Tulip Festival. 10.00 – 17.00 entrance £15.00
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Bignor Park Open Garden
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Rymans Gardens.

## Jobs to do in the Garden in April

Prune spring-flowering shrubs.  
Weed & Feed borders.  
Plant out Sweet Peas  
Take cuttings of tender plants  
Sow winter brassicas  
Feed blackcurrants, gooseberries, blackberries & Raspberries  
Aerate the lawn  
Mow & weed the lawn.

Thank you to all our members for your support and we are looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

From you Committee

Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey, Sue Atkins, Doug Callander & David Underwood.